Khadi and village industries in Uttaranchal

2109. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether khadi and village industries would be strengthened in Uttaranchal to make the women financially strong; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Industrialization is the specific responsibility of the concerned State Governments and the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Govenments. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) provides assistance in the form of grants, interest subsidy, rebate, training, marketing etc. for promotion and development of Khadi and Village Industries throughout the country including the State of Uttaranchal. Under the Margin Money Scheme of the KVIC the margin money (subsidy) in Hill areas including Uttaranchal is provided at the rate of 30% of the cost of the projects as compared to 25% in other areas.

Promotion of small scale enterprises

2110. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study group of the Planning Commission on small-scale enterprises recommended for continuing reservation for this sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above group put some conditions that large units can take up production of reserved items with 30 per cent export obligation;

(c) the other conditions/recommendations of the group; and

(d) what infrastructural facilities Government are going to provide to the small scale sector during the current year?